

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A transfer device in a mobile communication system including a first access network provided and managed by a first communications carrier, a mobile terminal authorized to communicate data by the first communications carrier, and a second access network provided and managed by a second communications carrier different than the first communications carrier, the transfer device controlled by the first communications carrier, comprising:

a communication unit configured to receive packets addressed to the mobile terminal connected to an access router controlled by the second communications carrier in the second access network;

a terminal information storage unit configured to store terminal information unique to the mobile terminals allowed to use the packet transfer; and

a determination unit configured to determine whether information concerning the mobile terminal included in the packet received by the communication unit coincides with the terminal information stored in the data storage unit, and thereby to determine whether or not to transfer the packets received by the communications unit to the mobile terminal connected to the access router arranged by the second communications carrier in the second access network.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A transfer device, comprising:

a communication unit configured to transmit/receive packets to/from a mobile terminal via a connection management device arranged in a network and connecting to the mobile terminal, and transfer the packets to a visited position of the mobile terminal;

a determination unit configured to determine whether a packet received by the communication unit is a packet from a mobile terminal allowed to use packet transfer performed by the transfer device;

a transfer management unit configured to manage transfer of the packets to the visited position based on a determination result by the determination unit; and

a data storage unit configured to store common data commonly assigned to the mobile terminals allowed to use the packet transfer; wherein

the determination unit determines based on whether data included in the packet received by the communication unit coincides with the common data stored in the data storage unit.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication method in a mobile communication system including a first access network provided and managed by a first communications carrier, a mobile terminal authorized to communicate data by the first communications carrier, a second access network provided and managed by a second communications carrier different than the first communications carrier, and a transfer device controlled by the first communications carrier, the method comprising:

receiving, at the transfer device arranged by the first communication carrier, packets addressed to the mobile terminal connected to an access router controlled by the second communications carrier in the second access network;

storing terminal information unique to the mobile terminal allowed to use the packet transfer; and

determining whether information concerning the mobile terminal included in the received packet coincides with the stored terminal information, and thereby determining whether or not to transfer the packets received by the communications unit to the mobile terminal connected to the access router arranged by the second communications carrier in the second access network.